

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 830 - HB 1246

March 3, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that 10% of Tennessee tobacco settlement funds received under the Master Settlement Agreement be allocated to the Department of Education to fund curriculum for public schools on the dangers of tobacco use.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

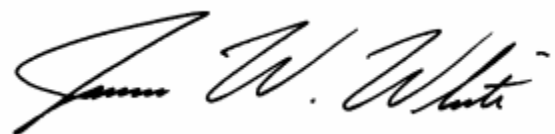
**Other Fiscal Impact – Reduces funding currently available for the State's General Fund by approximately \$15,300,000 annually. Earmarks approximately \$15,300,000 annually to the Department of Education for a public school curriculum on the dangers of tobacco use.**

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Phase I Tobacco Settlement actual receipts for FY2003-04 were \$153,272,096.28.
- A 10% allocation from the Master Settlement Agreement will result in approximately \$15,300,000 of tobacco revenue being earmarked for use by the Department of Education.
- Information about smoking is already included in the health class curriculum, and is part of the requirement of Lifetime Wellness which all students must take in high school. Assumes any curriculum changes or additions made at the discretion of the LEAs could be handled within these resources.
- Increase in the Department's expenditures would be covered by appropriated revenue from the fund.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director